

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Thomas J. Willi, Town Administrator - 797-1035

SUBJECT: Resolution

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM (FPP) FOR PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDRs) ON AGRICULTURAL LAND PARCELS WITHIN THE TOWN.

REPORT IN BRIEF: This item was proposed by Councilmember Paul. In January 2001, the U.S.D.A. announced that they would make \$30 million available through the FPP to help communities throughout the nation purchase conservation easements to protect farmlands. The Broward County Land Preservation Program has submitted a grant application to the FPP which provides matching funds for PDRs.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM (FPP) FOR PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDRs) ON AGRICULTURAL LAND PARCELS WITHIN THE TOWN.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.) announced in January of 2001 that a total of thirty (30) million dollars would be available through the Farmland Protection Program (FPP); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this program is to help communities by providing matching funds for Purchase of Development Rights (PDRs), thereby protecting precious farmland; and

WHEREAS, the drastic rate of conversion of agricultural lands throughout Broward County is a cause of great concern; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie has managed to retain more agricultural land than most other incorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Land Preservation Program has submitted a grant application to the FPP for PDRs within the Town of Davie; and

WHEREAS, PDRs of agricultural land parcels from willing landowners will conserve agricultural land and preserve the quality of life enjoyed by residents of the Town of Davie.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby fully supports Broward County's Land Preservation Program efforts to secure funds from the FPP for the PDRs on agricultural lands within the Town.

SECTION 2. The Town of Davie fully supports the conservation of agricultural land parcels within the Town and the preservation of the quality of life enjoyed by Town residents.

SECTION 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to mail a copy of this resolution to the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Land Preservation Manager of the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection for inclusion in the grant application.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.